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LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 25 -- Rosoff's, 43rd & Broadway

Cocktails at Noon; Luncheon at 12:30 PM

\$2 -- Tip and Tax Included. \$2.50 for Guests

ESCAPE FROM SHANGHAI

by

RANDALL GOULD

For 18 years RANDALL GOULD edited the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury. During the war he supervised two editions -- one published in Chungking, the other in New York. When the Communists captured Shanghai last spring, GOULD hung on, determined to keep his presses rolling. Then, on June 14, the axe fell. And the Evening Post and Mercury was closed by order of Red secret police. Late last September GOULD fled from China with his wife. Here -- for the first time -- GOULD tells the exciting, behind-the-scenes story of Communist warfare in China.

Book gift for Wednesday's luncheon will be "Combat Command", a story of American aircraft carriers in the Pacific, by Admiral Frederick C. Sherman. The book will be published by E. P. Dutton January 27.

OFFICIAL

Bulletin Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Tuesday, January 24, 5:30 PM
 Television Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Tuesday, January 24, 5:45 PM
 House Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Wednesday, January 25, 5:30 PM

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 : NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP :

ACTIVE:

Curtis Joseph Hoxter, director of press relations, United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, Great Britain, France and Luxembourg, for the OWI, Psychological Warfare Branch, 1943-1946. Proposed by RALPH H. MAJOR, JR.; seconded by FRED ROSEN.

Donald Robinson, free-lance writer. England, 1944, Public Relations for Civil Affairs Headquarters, U.S. Army; July-August 1944, Algiers, chief PRO for Civil Affairs, Headquarters 7th Army; August 1944-March 1945, Chief PRO for Civil Affairs, Headquarters VI Army Group. Proposed by W.W. CHAPLIN; seconded by W.R. WEINSTEIN.

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President FRANK KELLEY announces the appointment of HENRY GELLERMANN as Chairman of the Speakers' Committee. In an effort to broaden the scope of OPC luncheon and dinner programs, GELLERMANN asks that members submit names of persons whom they would either like to hear or whom they would volunteer approach on behalf of the Club.

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"YOUR MONEY -- FATHERS AND SONS", a new series of round-table discussions, will begin soon at the New School for Social Research with A. WILFRED MAY as moderator...FRANK KELLEY has received a cordial New Year's greeting from EDWARD JULIAN NALLY, 90-year-old Honorary Member of the Club...The 1950 Writers Newsletter Award for the best non-fiction went to Harper and Bros. for JOHN GUNTHER's "Death Be Not Proud". GUNTHER, incidentally, is now hard at work on what is said to be the "first definitive biography" of FDR. It will be titled "Roosevelt in Retrospect" and should be published before the end of 1950...JOSEF ISRAELS II is alping through Switzerland, doing some pieces for Saturday Evening Post and Collier's...

In transatlantic travel the feature story is American Flagships!

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX The Hon. Abdur Rahim Khan, first Minister Plenipotentiary
 X WITH THE OPC ON TV X of Pakistan and permanent delegate to the UN, will be a
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX guest on next Sunday's Overseas Press Club television
 program (5-5:30 PM, January 22, WCBS-TV, Channel 2). Subject of the telecast is:
 "Pakistan: Trouble in the Vale of Kashmir." And to discuss the miniature cold
 war which characterizes relations between India and Pakistan, the OPC presents,
 in addition to Mr. Khan, ANDREW A. FREEMAN, who served in the Far East from 1945
 to 1947 as correspondent for the New York Post; Franc Shor, author and former
 correspondent for Life and the National Geographic Magazine, who recently inter-
 viewed Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan in Pakistan; and QUINCY HOWE, program
 moderator for the OPC.

EIGHT CITIES HEAR AND SEE OPC SHOW

Officials of the Columbia Broadcasting System announced last week that the weekly Overseas Press Club television program now reaches audiences in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Detroit and Chicago as well as New York.

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AN INVITATION to attend an anniversary celebration of the first proclamation of the Republic of India has been extended to all OPC members by the India League of America. The date: Thursday, January 26, The time: 8 PM. The place: the Community Church of New York, 40 East 35th Street. Among the honored guests who will be present are ALAN CRANSTON, president, United World Federalists; SIDNEY HERTZBERG, former editor, Common Sense; CLARE BOOTHE LUCE: Dr. FRANK KINGDON, author and columnist; and EDGAR SNOW, associate editor of the Saturday Evening Post...

MATTHEW HUTTNER has left his post as assistant to the information director of the Wool Bureau to set up his own publishing firm, Almat Publishing Corp. which already has several titles on the stands. Forthcoming titles include: "Set-Up for Murder" in January, and "The Moonstone" for February... ALICE MAXWELL is now writing a weekly column for the Miami Herald...

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A NEW SYNDICATED COLUMN, to be called "Let's Talk It Over", will be launched in February by LILLIAN G. GENN who recently resigned as nonfiction editor of Argosy. During Miss GENN's six-year tour of duty, incidentally, Argosy's circulation soared from 100,000 to nearly 800,000...

JEAN LYON has just returned to New York from the West Coast. Current address: 161 East 37th Street...The Emporia Gazette, the famous Kansas newspaper founded by the late William Allen White, became a corporation last week with WILLIAM L. WHITE as principal stockholder...

OPC MEMBERS who have any historical date or memorabilia connected with the early days of the Union Pacific Railroad are asked to communicate with ADELE NATHAN; she's currently writing a book for Random House on the construction of the transcontinental line. It'll be called: "A Children's Story of the Golden Spike".

OUR PROLIFIC COLLEAGUES: An article on "Global Village" by RUTH KARPF (who authored a piece in the current Mademoiselle on how young couples live in Washington) is due to hit Collier's on February 25...LEO IANIA's mss., "The Real Secret of Oak Ridge", which appeared in the January United Nations World has been picked up for reprinting by Everybody's Digest...The current Presbyterian Life carries an article about Korean refugees under GERALDINE FITCH's by-line; another of her pieces, "Sophists, State Department Careerists Help Spread CP Line", ran in the New Leader of December 31. Now she's off on a two-week lecture tour in Indiana and Michigan before returning to New York for a January 29 radio broadcast...

BOOK NOTES

Books received this week by the OPC Library include the following:

- "Slipstream" by Eugene E. Wilson, published by Whittlesey House
- "You Can Change the World" by Father James Keller, M.M., published by New American Library of World Literature
- "The Weep and the Blackmailer" by Richard Rovere, published by New American Library of World Literature
- "Georgia Boy" by Erskine Caldwell, published by New American Library of World Literature
- "The Illiad" translation of Homer by W.H.D. Rouse, published by New American Library of World Literature

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TO CLUB G.H.Q.

Lights burned brightly in the famous fourth floor suite above Times Square on Friday the Thirteenth of January. The occasion was a grand first-of-the-year reunion and party welcoming to the Club Miss Janice Griffiths, new office secretary...

House Committee Chairman LARRY BLOCHMAN presided over the festivities, which drew some 60 members to OPC headquarters. Although Club President FRANK KELLEY was "working" that night, he managed to duck in several times during the evening...

HERE AND THERE: Sounding off into an Eagle Lion wire recorder (with a testimonial sponsoring the Club's film, "Guilty of Treason") was BOB CONSIDINE... In a corner barbershop harmony drew chuckles. Participants were tenor LEO BRANHAM, basso TEMPLE FIELDING, baritone MATTHEW HUTTNER and LARRY BLOCHMAN, who was just sort of humming an unidentified accompaniment...VIC IASKY puffing on that stubby stogey, commenting that the Hiss trial was progressing nicely on the strength of his reportage...HUGH CONWAY talking to GABRIEL PRESSMAN...chatting threesome: LEO LANIA, BEA MATHIEU and MAURICE CARRIE...Ad men PAUL SHELDON and BOB LABLONDE... Glimpsed NOLA LUXFORD, also SIGRID SCHULTZ...In one corner: HELEN LLODIO and RALPH CONISTON...Old timers welcoming a new guest member, GEORGE T. MCGANN from the Australian Consolidated Press...Coupled together: Dorothy and JOE ROSAPEPE, and BILL and RITA VANDIVERT...New member BOYAN PETKOFF CHOUKANOFF attending his first OPC gathering...Talking over Club matters were REAVIS O'NEAL and CORNELIUS RYAN...Also seen enjoying themselves were EDWARD T. HEYN, an OPC elder statesman, A. WILFORD MAY and NOLA LUXFORD.

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JOCK LAWRENCE, vice president of J. Arthur Rank, Inc., recently addressed the women's open table of the National Arts Club on the subject of "Press Relations"...Farrar, Straus will publish in May QUENTIN REYNOLDS' biography of Judge Liebowitz...The Information Office of the Canadian Consulate General (620 Fifth Avenue) offers the use of its facilities to all OPC members, according to Sidney A. Freifeld, director. His office will help writers check facts, arrange contacts in Canada and illustrate articles. He can also expedite clearance into Canada of photographic equipment...

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(Editor's Note: The "On the Overseas Beat" column was omitted this week due to a lack of news about our members on foreign assignments. This department was initiated as a special service to members abroad. Please assist The Bulletin by providing news of interest to them.)

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Acting Editor

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